



Enforcement Division

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**To: FLEETS, FLEET OPERATORS AND
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

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LIMIT ON DIESEL-FUELED COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING

The purpose of this advisory is to inform you that the California Air Resources Board (ARB) regulation to limit diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicle idling, which went to effect on February 1, 2005, are being enforced. The following information will enable you to comply with the idling regulation and report violations.

On or after February 1, 2005, the driver of a diesel-fueled motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 10,000 pounds is prohibited from idling the vehicle's primary engine for greater than 5 minutes at any location. In addition, when stopped at a location within 100 feet of a residence for the purpose of sleeping or resting, a driver is prohibited from operating the primary engine in a sleeper berth or a diesel-fueled auxiliary power system (APS) for greater than 5 minutes to power a heater, air conditioner, or any other ancillary equipment on the vehicle.

Drivers found in violation of this regulation are subject to a minimum civil penalty of \$100 and to criminal penalties as specified in the Health and Safety Code and the Vehicle Code.

Idling is not restricted while in the midst of traffic; to ascertain safe operating conditions of the vehicle, for testing, service (cleaning of commercial vehicles/trucks/buses is not considered servicing), repair, or diagnostic purposes; to operate equipment needed by persons with disabilities. Idling may also take place when operating the primary engine to run a power take off (PTO) device to power a pump, crane, concrete mixer, etc., or to power a heater, air conditioner, or any ancillary equipment during sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth that occurs beyond 100 feet from a residential area.

If you have questions about the regulation, require a copy of the regulation, or would like to report a violation, please contact ARB's Public Information Office at 1-800-END-SMOG. You may also view program information, the regulation, or report a violation at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/enf.htm>.